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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED] (exploitation of Soviet  
Bloc [REDACTED] activities)

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1. This memorandum requests approval by the Director of the conclusions and recommendations embodied in paragraph 5 and 6.

2. Problem - To make recommendations with respect to future activities of Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2d1 25X1A2d1

3. Background - Project [REDACTED] was initiated on a trial basis following DCI approval of a staff study dated 1 November 1956, (Tab A), utilizing voluntary unpaid services of selected Agency personnel who were active [REDACTED]. The approved staff study provided for a review of the project by IOTAC after a period of six months, and the submission to the DCI of recommendations as to the continuation. 25X1A2d1

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4. Discussion - At the present time, Project [REDACTED] is conducted by approximately 20 selected Agency personnel, on a voluntary basis. These personnel are located both in the Washington area and [REDACTED]. OCR has made one analyst available on a full time basis to collate and code on IBM cards information obtained from the activities of these Agency [REDACTED] and from such collateral sources as OO/C reports and Soviet Bloc publications. Annex A outlines and discusses the types and scope of intelligence information which have been obtained from the Project.

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25X1D0a Experience has shown that there are two aspects to the exploitation  
25X1D0a of Soviet [REDACTED] activity: a) direct contact between a US  
25X1D0a [REDACTED] and a Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] b) [REDACTED] of Soviet  
25X1D0a Bloc [REDACTED]. Both aspects are inter-related and both  
25X1D0a can produce useful data. Effective [REDACTED] of  
25X1D0a Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] requires a relatively large number of  
25X1D0a individuals located in various overseas areas. These individuals do  
25X1X1 not require the selection or the careful guidance which is necessary  
25X1X1 in the case of [REDACTED] who are making actual contact with Soviet Bloc  
25X1D0a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
25X1D0a The project is currently managed and directed by an informal  
25X1D0a steering committee of four members, all [REDACTED] active in the project,  
representing O/C and OCR. This committee meets fortnightly to:

- a. Provide initial technical assessment of data collected
- b. Bring in special requirements indicated by consumers
- c. Establish priorities for the limited facilities and  
25X1D0a manpower available.
- d. Give redirection to participating Agency [REDACTED]  
25X1D0a (by means of a circular letter)

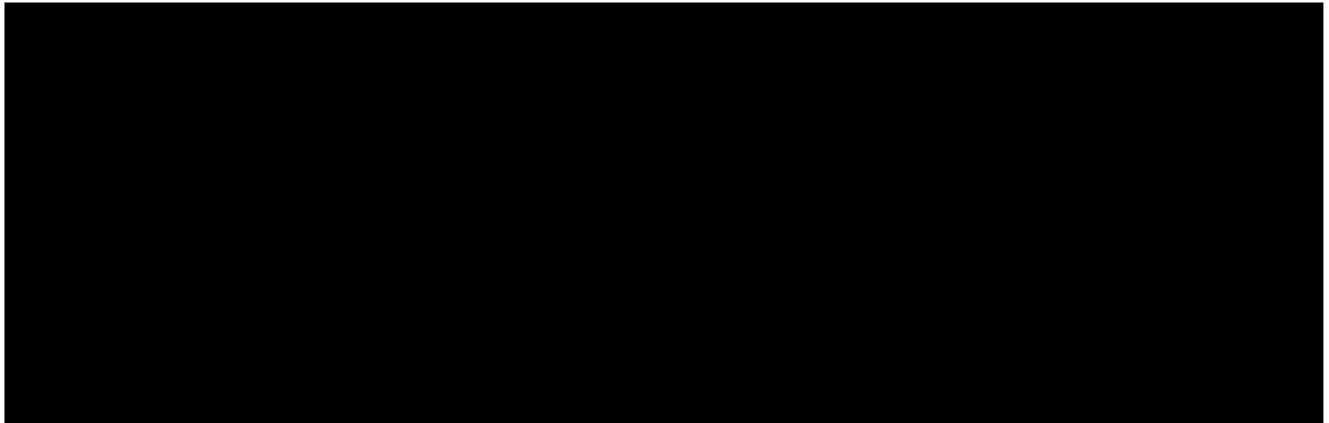
25X1D0a Dissemination of information collected by the Project to date  
25X1D0a has been informal, except with respect to the activity of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Annex A, Paragraph 2.b.) for which specific arrangements  
with OCI have been made.

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5. Conclusions - On the basis of data already collected and the potential for further collection, it is concluded that:

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a. Project [REDACTED] should be continued and augmented as an established CIA activity. Augmentation should include, if possible, around the clock monitoring of selected Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] activities. Participation of other IAC agencies should be sought, with particular regard to their assistance in ensuring desired round the clock monitoring.

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b. The project should be placed under the jurisdiction of a CIA office capable of providing the necessary technical guidance and direction. The selected office should assume responsibility for management of the project as a whole, and for effecting the necessary collaboration with other participating or assisting offices and agencies.

6. Recommendations - The following steps are:

a. Responsibility for direction and management of the project as a whole should be vested in the Director of Communications.

b. A small technical advisory group, consisting of representatives of O/C, OCR, and OO/FBID, should be established to assist the Director of Communications in providing technical

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guidance and support to Agency [REDACTED] engaged in the project, and in making initial technical assessment of the results obtained.

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c. Participation in the project by a limited number of selected and specially cleared non-governmental [REDACTED] should be arranged through OO/C facilities.

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d. In addition to the voluntary services of selected [REDACTED] the following personnel and/or services should be made available to the project by the offices indicated:

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Persomnel</u>	<u>Services</u>
	Office of Communications	One GS-13 or 14, Supervisor to serve as project manager	
25X1D0a	Office of Central Reference	One GS-12 and One GS-11 analyst to collate and record incoming data (one is already furnished by OCR) 1 GS-5 clerk	IBM and reference facilities of [REDACTED] Branch
25X1D0a	Office of Operations		Dissemination facilities through OO/C mechanism.
			OO/C facilities for contacting and guiding selected non-governmental [REDACTED] and reporting results of their contacts. Translation services from FDD.
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e. The sum of [REDACTED] should be made available to the Director of Communications during fiscal year 1959 for payment of

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overtime to Agency [REDACTED] in emergency situations.

f. The National Security Agency, and the Army, Navy, and Air Force should be formally notified of the existence of this project.

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g. The sum of [REDACTED] should be made available to the Director of Communications for obtaining and supplying equipment to Agency amateurs on a loan basis.

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[REDACTED]  
Chairman  
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